



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet Ohio 2020



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2019 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$270,224
Forest Legacy	\$2,538,345
Forest Stewardship	\$136,638
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$141,000
State Fire Assistance	\$544,895
Urban and Community Forestry	\$821,685
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$414,452
Total	\$4,867,239

NOTE: This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.

State, private, and other non-Federal forests make up 92 percent of the 176 million acres of forests across the 20 states of the Northeast and Midwest. The U.S. Forest Service and state forestry agencies collaborate with other partners on shared stewardship goals, which also support each State Forest Action Plan. The State and Private Forestry programs promote the health, resilience, and productivity of trees and forests across all ownerships for the benefit of people and wildlife; establish and manage urban and community forests; empower private landowners with information and technical assistance to sustainably manage their forests; and protect critically important rural forests and watersheds.

Program Goals

- Conserve and manage working forest landscapes for multiple values and uses.
- Protect forests from threats.
- Enhance public benefits from trees and forests.

Key Issues

- Sustainable forest management on all forest lands.
- Public benefits from Ohio's forests.
- Conservation of soil and water resources.
- Conservation of biological diversity (plants and animals).
- Health and vitality of Ohio's forests.
- Forest fragmentation and urbanization.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2019 Accomplishments	Value
Population	11,536,504	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	9,557
Acres of Forest Land	7,858,635	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	18,389
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	6,780,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	5,225
Number of NIPF Landowners	345,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	220
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	460
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	5,822,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	78,749
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,366	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	938	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	276
Forest Based Employment	57,969	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	5,638,264
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	42,775
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	11,472,000		

Program Highlights

Cooperative Fire Protection

Ohio was awarded one competitive State Fire Assistance grant to upgrade Remote Automated Weather Stations needed to implement the new 2016 National Fire Danger Rating System and provide wildland fire weather training and equipment to local fire departments. Ohio acquired \$116,495 in property from the Department of Defense Fire Fighter Program and \$58,884 in property from the Federal Excess Personal Property program. The property is used to support the state's and volunteer fire departments' wildland fire programs.

Forest Health Protection

The Asian longhorned beetle was discovered in Clermont County in 2011. As of December 2019, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service had removed 19,576 infested trees. The Ohio Department of Agriculture continued treatment efforts for gypsy moth in the Slow the Spread transition zone, treating 6,727 acres with *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* bacterium and 69,554 acres with mating disruption pheromone. The Ohio Division of Forestry continues to manage hemlock woolly adelgid and chemically treated over 3,000 eastern hemlock trees on 900 acres in the Hocking Hills area.

Forest Stewardship

The Ohio Stewardship Program reported 212 new or revised forest stewardship plans covering 17,330 acres, of which 4,931 acres were in Important Forest Areas per Ohio's Strategic Forest Action Plan. In addition, 1,453 landowners were provided forestry technical assistance and 8,104 landowners participated in education programs. The Ohio Interagency Forestry Team signed a cooperative business plan that will direct work over the next five years to manage and sustain healthy, oak-dominated forests that cover a 17-county area in southeast Ohio. The Interagency Forestry Team includes the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, Ohio Division of Forestry, Ohio Division of Wildlife, Ohio State University Extension, and Central State Extension.

Urban and Community Forestry

Ohio conducted its first Urban Forest Strike Team deployment in response to the devastating Memorial Day tornados. The team performed tree risk assessments and collected data for the City of Dayton, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and the City of Beavercreek to support their FEMA Public Assistance applications. The deployment was successful due to training, partnership, and support from the U.S. Forest Service and Ohio's community foresters. Ohio initiated a prison inmate arboricultural training program based on the program in Pennsylvania.

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